

# Roundabout

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## More Modifications to Roundabout Expected

DPW Director Wally Tonaszuck said this week that it is likely the town will ask the state to widen the roundabout a bit to slow traffic on the west-bound side of Route 14.

"We've put some barrels out to evaluate the effectiveness as an experiment."

He said that the town has received several complaints from motorists that the west-bound traffic is getting through the circle too quickly, threatening the normal flow.

"This is supposed to be a

traffic calming device as well as a means for vehicles from side streets to channel into the mix and enter," he said. "The flow is too aggressive and cars being impeded by channeling as in the other approach."

Tonaszuck said the state's first roundabout project is in its final stages as curbing is repaired and the area is loamed and seeded.

The \$360,000 state contract is still active, he said, and hope-

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fully any final modifications involving funneling traffic through the circle can be done as a change order.

Tonaszuck said he has spoken to the state Traffic division about the problem and expects some modification may be requested before the end of the month.

The roundabout is not a rotary but a traffic channeling device around a small donut shaped circle. The concept began in Europe as a traffic calming method whereby cars are

forced to slowdown upon entry.

The state agreed to build the roundabout at the intersection of Route 14 and Lincoln Streets following many years of traffic accidents and fatalities. A signal light was rejected due to the areas proximity to the highway and the fear of possible backup during peak traffic periods.

Tonaszuck said he is scheduled to speak about the state's first state funded and designed roundabout project at the Mass. Highway Assn. meeting in Westborough on May 3.